KALP NATH RAI): (a) Due to increase in project cost, the Government of India have formulated a new incentive scheme for new sugar factories and expansion projects. Under this Scheme, new sugar factories and restructured units would be entitled to 100 per cent free sale quota for 8 years in "High Recovery Areas" and 100 per cent for 9 years and 66 per cent free sale for the 10th year in "Other Recovery Areas". In case of expansion projects, free sale entitlement of sugar would be 100 per cent for 5 years in "High Recovery Areas" and 100 per cent for 6 years in "Other Recovery Areas".

(b) The Government had directed the National Sugar Institute, Kanpur to organise a Seminar in association with the sugar industry to bring the quality of sugar at par with International Sugar Standards. Accordingly, a Seminar was organised for this purpose on 10.4.93 and the recommendations of this Seminar would be forwarded to he sugar factories for implementation.

Procurement of Wheat

566. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat procurement during the marketing season this year is likely to fall shor by 15 lakh tonnes;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to meet the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Procurement of wheat for the Central Pool is being made, as in the past, by Food Corporation of India in close collaboration with State Govrenments/ State procuring agencies under the price support scheme at procurement price fixed by hte Government on a totally voluntary basis and no targets as such can be fixed. Till 28.4.1993, a quantity of 29.48 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured during the current 1993-94 rabi marketing season as compared to 20.83 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period last year.

Stock of wheat and rice

567. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the buffer stock norm for wheat and rice;

(b) what is the position of the central pool stock for wheat and rice;

(c) whether Government contemplate to import wheat to enhance stock of wheat; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The buffer stock norms, inclusive of stocks held by State Agencies are as given below:

(In Million Tonnes)

Date	Wheat	Rice	Total
1st April	3.7	10.8	14.5
1st July	13.1	9.2	22.3
1st October	10.6	6.0	16.6
1st January	7.7	7.7	15.4